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**NOTE D'INFORMATION  
AU MINISTRE DE LA  
SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE ET DE  
LA PROTECTION CIVILE**

**PURPOSE**

To provide you information on the RCMP's planned participation and key security considerations for the upcoming commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation,

**BACKGROUND**

The RCMP expects to play a prominent role in the Government's Canada 150 celebrations through planned ceremonial events and associated security requirements.

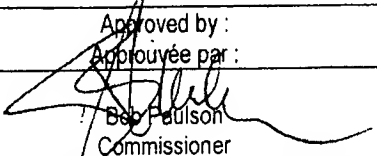
To date the RCMP, in collaboration with Canadian Heritage, have identified a number of unique initiatives to commemorate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. These events focus on promoting the RCMP's image, and its historic and current roles in Canada, including: the consecration of the new Guidon; the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the voyage of the RCMP schooner St. Roch through the Northwest Passage; and several events held across Canada sponsored by our Divisions. The RCMP Heritage Centre is also planning on a special exhibit that might travel with the Musical Ride across Canada.

The Musical Ride will feature prominently in these celebrations, with performances across Canada and the Sunset Ceremonies in Ottawa. As you are aware, in May 2016, the Musical Ride will also participate in the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to take place in the United Kingdom.

Given the current threat environment and high-profile nature of the upcoming celebrations for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is critical that security be fully considered in the planning and execution of celebration activities. Due to the magnitude and significance of planned events, some of which will be large scale and over an extended period, and potentially including foreign dignitaries, security requirements will far exceed those required for traditional Canada Day celebrations.

**NEXT STEPS**

To address security needs, establish mitigation strategies and ensure the safety of participants in Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, multifaceted security planning with various government agencies and departments will be necessary. The RCMP is available to brief you further and participate in any future security planning for this initiative.

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